

Reedsburg Police Department

Annual Report



2013

Timothy M. Becker
Chief of Police

Mission Statement & Strategic Goals

Mission

The Reedsburg Police Department will provide the highest level of service through the enforcement of laws and the protection of life, property and the constitutional rights of all. We will make a positive impact by meeting the present and future needs of the public through a continued partnership with our community.

Strategic Goals

The following goals are established to support the mission:

- É The Department will seek maximum efficiency in its goal of effectively addressing its basic mission
- É The Department will ensure a focused response for identifiable community problems. Emphasis will be to solve problems through education, cooperation, and enforcement of the law
- É The Department recognizes that its personnel are the most valuable resource and a conscious effort will be made to fully develop this resource through training and mentoring
- É As a means of ensuring that the Department is administered and operates effectively and efficiently, "state of the art" methods and resources will be deployed. This strategic goal will rely on compliance with the published accreditation standards of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group (WILEAG)

*The Mission and Goals are reviewed annually to provide the most up-to-date, comprehensive service, insuring community satisfaction.



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Sworn Police Staff

Officer	Primary Assignment	Unit
Chief Timothy M. Becker	Administration	100
Lieutenant Darrin Frye	A Shift Commander	115
Sergeant Patrick Cummings	Detective Bureau Commander	128
Sergeant Andrew Foesch	B Shift Commander	126
Sergeant Mark Eberle	C Shift Commander	137
Sergeant Richard Wolf	B/C Relief Shift Commander	129
Detective Andrew Stelter	Detective Bureau	127
Officer Bernard Jernander	Patrol	103
Officer Peggy Porter	Patrol	111
Officer Scott Peterson	School Resource Officer	112
Officer Patrick Hoekstra	Patrol	125
Officer Timothy Knuth	Patrol	130
Officer Summer Geffert	Patrol	134
Officer Martin Pugh	Patrol	135
Officer Jesse Spears	Patrol	136
Officer Jon Schaefer	Patrol	139
Officer Will Botten	Patrol	140
Officer Kyle Mueller	Patrol	141
Officer Joshua Hoege	Patrol	142

Police Fleet - 1961



Civilian Police Staff

Communication Center:

Chris Blood	Supervisor	502
Amber Hoefs	Civilian Support Specialist	511
Diane Fry	Operator	520
Lynn Petersen	Operator	521
Dori Helm	Operator	522
Missy Honer	Operator	527
Johnny Connors	Operator	530
Erik Knull	Operator (PT)	513

Chaplains:

Pastor Benjamin Seamans	Police Chaplain	701
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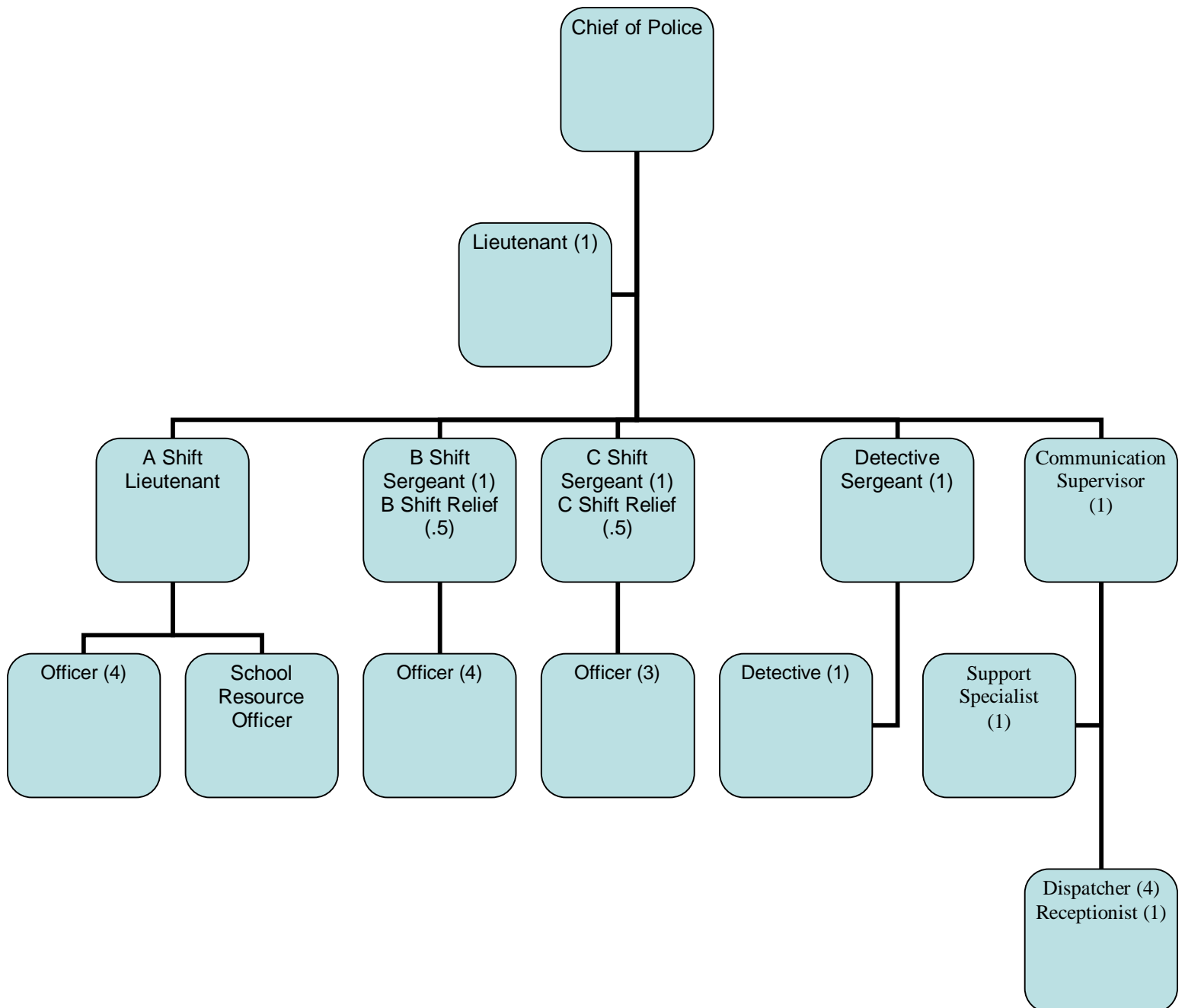


Dispatchers Dori Helm & Lynn Petersen at RPD Egg Hunt



Police Chaplain Ben Seamans leads on National Day of Prayer

Organization Chart



A Message from the Chief

Honorable David G. Estes,
Mayor of the City of Reedsburg
Members of the Common Council,



On behalf of the men and women of the Reedsburg Police Department, it is an honor to submit to you the 2013 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

With 2013 coming to a close, it's important to reflect on our progress and challenges experienced the past year.

The Police Department has experienced a significant increase in the demand for service by our residents. 2013 has documented one of the highest amounts of calls in the history of the Department with nearly 17,000.

In addition to enduring a high volume of calls the complexity of the calls has increased. In 2013 the Police Department investigated an attempted homicide at a tavern in the City's downtown. The suspect was apprehended and is currently awaiting prosecution on charges of Attempted First Degree Homicide.

The City has also had an influx in drug related search warrants. Once a very minor issue, the City has begun to experience a rise in heroin related warrants. The Police Department has continued our relationship with the Sauk County Drug Task Force in an effort to combat this ever-growing problem.

The Police Department also continues our accreditation process with the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Accreditation Group. This is a long and tedious process that examines every aspect of the service we provide. The Police Department welcomes an opportunity to be evaluated as a means to provide the highest most affordable level of service.

Lastly, 2013 was the year of limited staff. The Police Department experienced three significant FMLA events, an unfilled retirement, and a National Guard Basic Training event.

I would like to thank the Mayor, the Common Council, and the Police and Fire Commission for their support and I am pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report of the Reedsburg Police Department.

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Chief of Police

The Year in Reviewí

This is a sampling of the issues faced by the Reedsburg Police Department in 2013:

- Criminal Clearance Rate at 92%.
- Calls for Service remained high at 16757.
- Total activity decreased 12%.
- Adult and Juvenile arrests decreased 20%.
- Traffic complaints/citations decreased 26%.
- Traffic Accidents increased 27%.
- Reedsburg Police arrested 56 drunk drivers in 2013.
- Cleared 100% of all sexual and physical assaults.
- Investigated and cleared an attempted homicide.

Patrol Calls by Shift

A ó Shift:



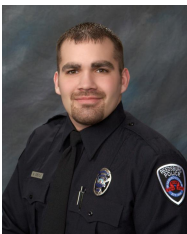
A-Shift, or Dayshift, is commanded by Lt. Darrin Frye. Lt. Frye oversees the patrol officers on this shift as well as the School Resource Officer. A-Shift responded to 5,961 calls for service.

B ó Shift:



B-Shift is often the busiest shift and has the most officers assigned to it for that reason. Sgt. Andy Foesch & Sgt. Rich Wolf command the B-Shift. Sgts. Foesch & Wolf are responsible for supervising the patrol officers as well as the department's detective. B-Shift responded to 6,262 calls for service.

C-Shift:



Sgt. Mark Eberle & Sgt. Rich Wolf command the C-Shift, which can often be the most volatile of the shifts. C-Shift is often known as night-shift. Sgt. Wolf performs functions such as IT, Vehicle Maintenance and evidence tech duties. In addition to these responsibilities, Sgts. Eberle & Wolf supervise the patrol officers assigned to his shift. C-Shift responded to 4,824 calls for service.

Detective Bureau

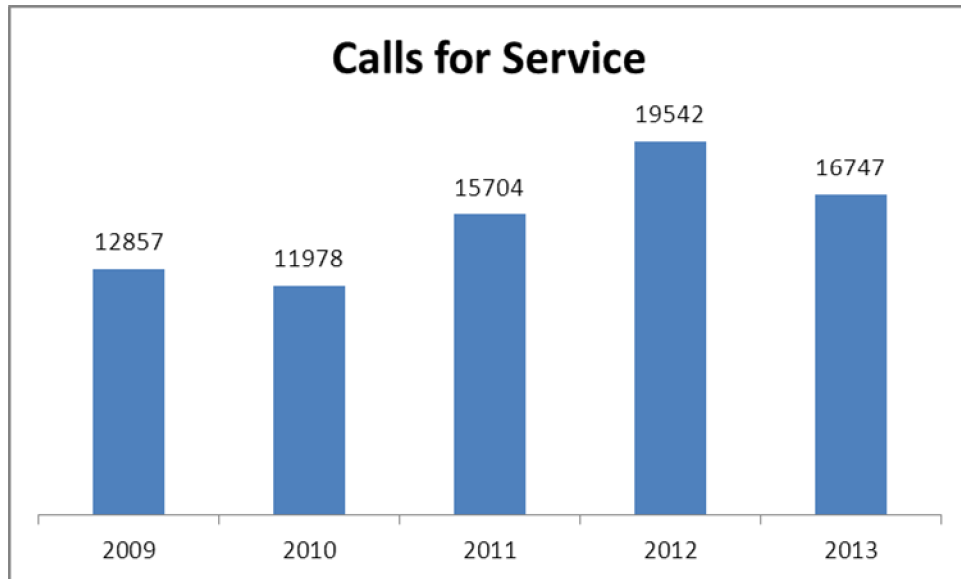
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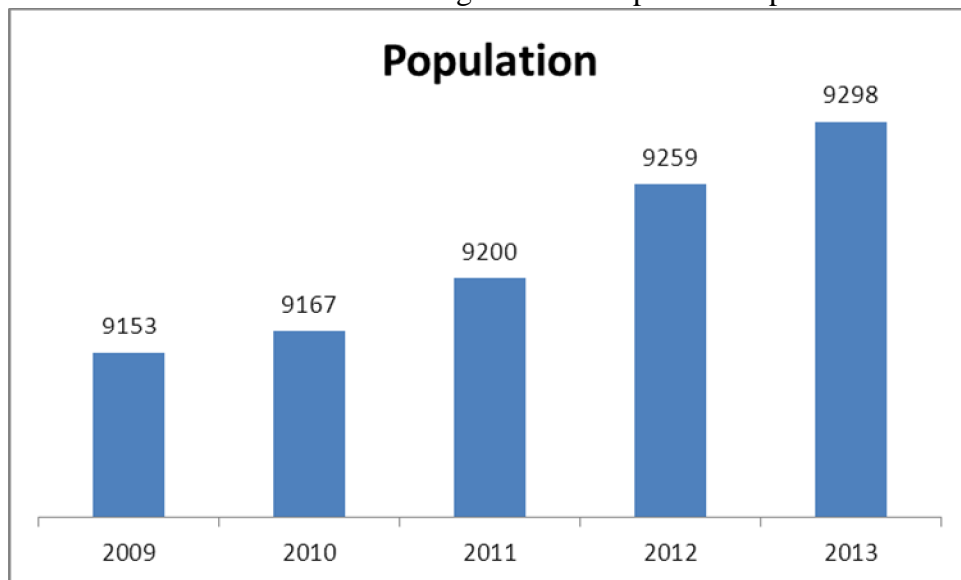
Sgt. Patrick Cummings commands the Detective Bureau and is responsible for follow-up investigations. Sgt. Cummings and Detective Andy Stelter are assigned cases that are too lengthy and complex for general patrol officers to handle. Using these investigators frees up patrol to handle öin-progressö calls. In 2013, the Detective Bureau was assigned 434 investigations. These investigations range from petty theft to narcotics to death investigations. Both Sgt. Cummings and Detective Stelter are active members of the Sauk County Drug Task Force and conducted five search warrants in 2013, with four warrants occurring since October 29, 2013. All five warrants were for narcotics.



Calls for Serviceí



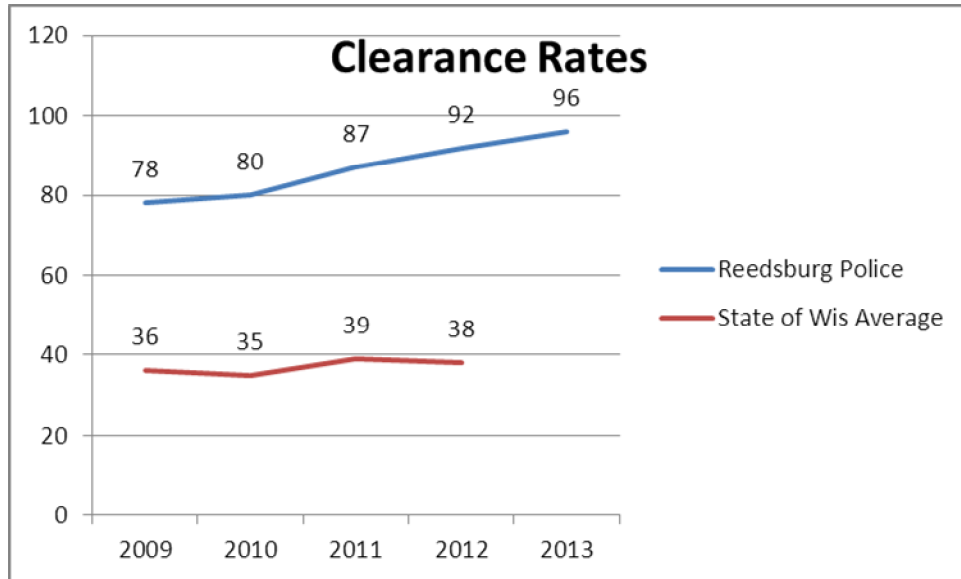
The Police Department realized a small decrease in calls for service from 2012 to 2013. In 2012, calls for service averaged 977 per sworn position. In 2013 the calls for service averaged 881 calls per sworn position*.



The City of Reedsburg continues as one of the fastest growing communities in Sauk County. With increased population comes need for additional law enforcement services.

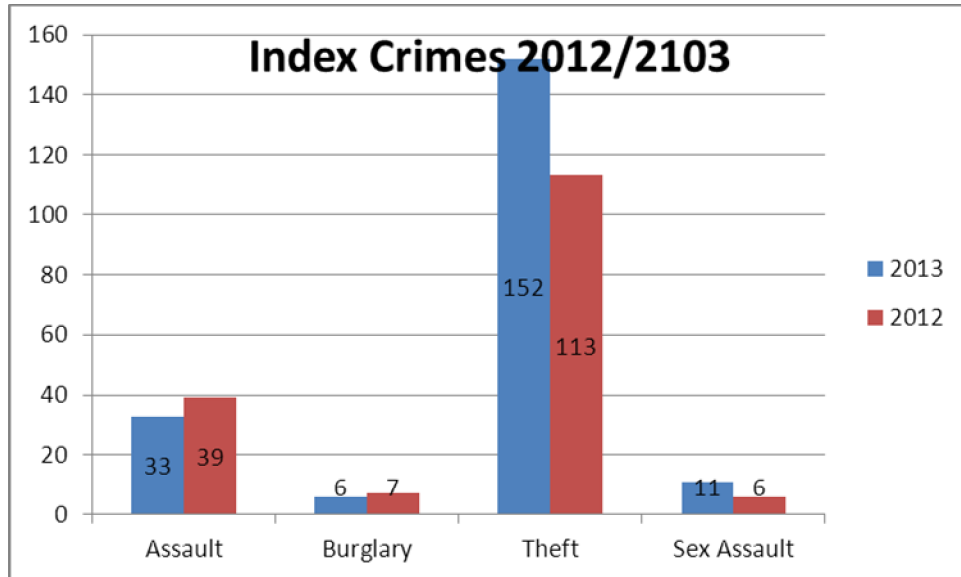
*Calls are divided by number of total police personnel. The ratio would be 1116 calls per officer if using only primary call-takers, removing the Chief, SRO, and Detectives.

Clearance Rates

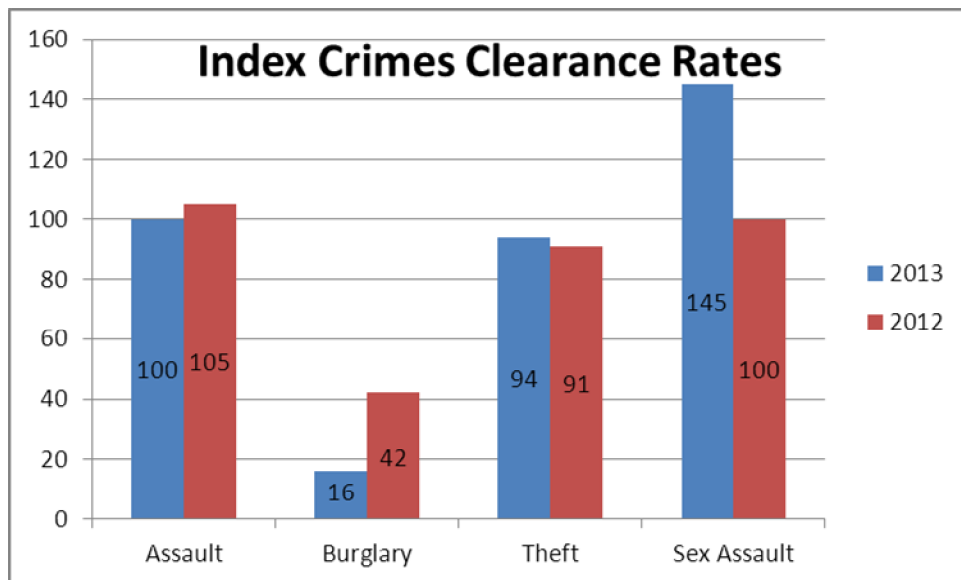


It is often very difficult to prevent all crimes. An important part of law enforcement is holding those committing crimes responsible for their actions. The Reedsburg Police Department is consistently outpacing the Wisconsin average for crime clearances. An illustration of that are our officers solving a staggering 96% of criminal offenses. This is far above the State of Wisconsin's average clearance rate.

Index Crimes¹



Index crimes are described as the most serious of crimes and Reedsburg has had a clearance rate increase in Theft* and Sex Assault categories. It is often very difficult to be proactive enough to prevent crime from occurring. As illustrated, the Reedsburg Police Department does hold those criminals accountable for the most serious crimes committed.



*Several theft cases were reported in 2012 and cleared in 2013.

Crime and Arrests



ADULT	2013	2012	% Change
Burglary	7	8	-12.5
Narcotics	136	142	-4.23
Theft	133	104	27.88
Criminal Damage	22	16	37.5
Weapons Violations	9	4	125
Battery	36	43	-16.28
Warrants	160	153	4.58
Disorderly Conduct	121	145	-16.55
Liquor Law Violations	47	43	9.30
Obstructing an Officer	73	47	-5.19
Worthless Checks	53	161	-84.55
Trespass	21	6	250
Miscellaneous	82	97	-15.46
Total Adult Arrests	900	998	-23.79
JUVENILE			
Recovered Runaway	29	38	-23.68
Curfew Violations	80	90	-11.11
Theft	23	19	21.05
Disorderly Conduct	31	22	40.91
Truancy	35	48	-27.08
Smoking Violations	18	27	-33.33
Vandalism	1	4	-100
Liquor Law Violations	19	19	0
Narcotics	8	9	-11.11
Burglary	0	0	0
Battery	10	5	100
Miscellaneous	62	53	16.98
Total Juvenile Arrests	316	356	-11.24
Total Criminal Arrests	1336	1336	-20.88%

Statistics

Use of Force Incidents:

Date	Time	Charge	Method	Alcohol
01/28/13	1:13pm	DC, Criminal Damage	Empty Hands	No
02/23/13	3:05am	DC, Resisting Officer	Empty Hands	Yes
03/09/13	12:32a	DC	Empty hands	Yes
03/12/13	9:55pm	Resisting Officer	Empty Hands	Yes
04/02/13	2:54am	DC	Empty Hands	Yes
04/02/13	2:54am	None	Empty Hands	Yes
04/18/13	12:44a	Theft, Resisting, Loitering, Trespassing	Empty Hands	Yes
05/01/13	1:00am	Bail Jumping, Resisting Officer	Taser Displayed	Yes
05/06/13	11:10p	Resisting Officer	Empty Hands	No
06/24/13	1:14am	DC, Criminal Damage, Resisting Officer	Empty Hands	Yes
06/30/13	12:15a	DC, Resisting Officer	Taser	Yes
07/20/13	8:43pm	Felony Warrant, Resisting Officer	Taser	No
08/10/13	2:51am	Drugs, Resisting Officer	Taser	Yes

*Physical means ðempty hands techniques were used to overpower the resistive behavior. Force beyond that was not necessary.

Other Agency Assists:

Reedsburg Police Department has assisted other law enforcement agencies a total of 551 times in 2013 as compared to 457 in 2012. The Police Department is honored to assist outside agencies and frequently requests assistance from those same agencies.

Traffic Enforcement/Accidents:

The Reedsburg Police Department received a \$20,000 grant for equipment and traffic enforcement in 2013. The State did cancel a portion of this grant halfway through the grant period but the City was fully reimbursed for time and equipment.

Traffic accidents increased by 27% in 2013. This is primarily due to officers being short-staffed due to three significant FMLA leaves, an unfilled retirement and an officer attending National Guard Basic Training.

Emergency Detention/Transports:

Emergency detentions are used when a subject is either mentally ill and in need of hospitalization or a subject is incapacitated by alcohol. These cases are normally triaged at Reedsburg Area Medical Center and then it is the Police Department's responsibility to transport them to a specialized hospital. Normally, these transports are made to Madison but occasionally they are made to Winnebago County. These cases not only take several hours to triage, the transports are becoming extremely more time consuming. The transports require the use of two personnel to complete safely. The Reedsburg Police Department made 56 transports in 2012 compared to 86 in 2011.

Communications Center:

The Reedsburg Police Department maintains a 24/7 dispatch and communications center providing dispatch service to police, fire, ambulance, DPW and Utilities. This highly productive unit receives and processes all calls for service and documentation for the Police Department's activities. In addition, the communications personnel also staff the front counter/reception area for the Police Department and is the only 24/7 call center in the City. The Communications Center also issues Wisconsin vehicle registrations as well as processing worthless checks, bicycle licenses, parking citations and open records requests. This is a sample of the activity that occurs in the Communications Center:

Lobby Walk-In Traffic:	6,128
Telephone Calls:	28,881
Open Records Requests Processed:	609
Wisconsin Registrations Processed:	1,492

This is all done while dispatching Police (16,747 calls), Fire (186), Ambulance (1,574) and Utilities.